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rejections under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. The Official Action further found that claims 1 - 2, 8 and 32 - 37 were rejected.

Accordingly, applicant believes the response was compliant and no further amendments are necessary.

CONCLUSION

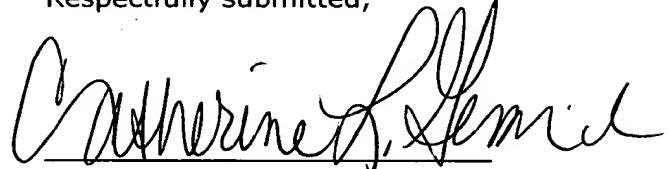
Having obviated the objections, Applicant hereby seeks examination on the merits.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the normal term that expired on 17 November 2005 for one month to 17 December 2005, which is a Saturday. Accordingly, the response is timely filed on Monday 19 December 2005..

Accompanying this response is \$120 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 5746.

Respectfully submitted,

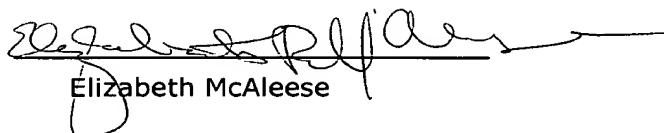


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